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**Strutting their stuff**

Skyline Dance Studio hosted its year-end recital in Haliburton June 6-8. Pictured are pre-competitive acro dancers Alexis Dacey, Kendall Park, Chloe Morrisette, Aubriana Davison, Isabella Valentini, Aleana Jones.
See page 9 for more. *Photo by Ryan Roediger.*

# Expanded daycare for County still on horizon

**By Lisa Gervais**

It's been 18 months since the County of Haliburton told the public it was in talks with Haliburton Wee Care, Habitat for Humanity, and the City of Kawartha Lakes about redeveloping the childcare property on County Road 21 outside Haliburton for expanded daycare, housing, and potential other uses, such as Habitat for Humanity.

Since December 2023, the waitlist for childcare here has grown from 4.2 years to six, according to CKL manager of human services Alyson Truax.

There are only two licensed daycares in the Highlands - Wee Care in Haliburton and Compass Early Learning and Care in Minden.

Wee Care administrator Denise Wolm said the Wee Care waitlist is long; and with school ending later this month, they have been inundated with requests. While they have secured space at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton for about 55 kids this summer, it is a temporary solution for JK/SK school-aged.

"Basically, when you get pregnant, you should put your child on a list, before you tell anybody. If you find out you are pregnant at four weeks, put them on the list," Wolm said.

She added she had not heard anything about the redevelopment since the retirement of former County CAO Mike Rutter, until very recently.

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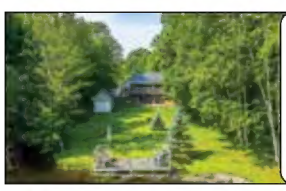

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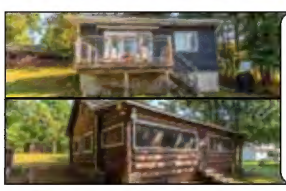

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## Wee Care to run summer daycare at JDH

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However, current CAO Gary Dyke and director of economic development and tourism, Scott Ovell, have told *The Highlander* work is ongoing.

Dyke and Ovell said the County has to have a phase two environmental study on the property and consultant Greer Galloway has been working on that this spring. They said the next stage is site development. From there, talks can resume with Habitat for Humanity, which has expressed interest in potentially building at the site.

Pressed for timelines, neither wanted to commit. When asked if it would be "years," Ovell said once the environmental study is complete, he expects a report to council mid-to-late summer, then talks at the county.

"In the fall, some substantive conversations about what it looks like moving forward, and what that partnership with Habitat for Humanity could look like." He added, "at least 12-18 months before we get a shovel in the ground, but stranger things have happened."

Dyke added they are working with CKL to try to get a delegation with the minister of education at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in August.

"To talk about daycare and some things we think the province can do to expedite the process to allow us to get more daycare spaces in a much more effective timeline, and efficiency for the operators. The insidiousness of a four-year waitlist on a daycare space isn't lost on anybody," Dyke said.

### Need for housing

When it comes to housing, former County director of planning Steve Stone said Dysart et al has said the site could accommodate 38 residential units. Habitat for Humanity put that number at 63.

Stone, in a December 2023 report, noted the County had experienced a 300 per cent increase in the number of households waiting for community housing in the last 10 years; rental rates had risen by 72 per cent for one-bedroom apartments, and 23 per cent for two-bedroom apartments since 2018; only 50 units of affordable housing were in development towards the target of 750. He added construction costs were making building more prohibitive.

He noted Habitat for Humanity has advantages over other developers as they are a registered charity that can receive donations. They estimate they can develop units for about two-thirds the cost of a traditional builder as they have preferential purchasing agreements with various suppliers.

Truax said, "the City of Kawartha Lakes continues to work with interested service providers to expand the childcare system, including new spaces in Haliburton County. New licensed home childcare spaces may become available over the next few months."

She added they are open to hearing from community members interested in providing high quality, affordable licensed childcare to residents.

> *"The insidiousness of a four-year waitlist on a daycare space isn't lost on anybody."*
> ***County CAO Gary Dyke***

Denise Wolm at the Wee Care property in Haliburton. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

With the space at JDH, Wolm is hopeful of placing 25 JK and SK students and 30 school-aged, if she can get the staff. For the regular daycare, Wolm said they are licensed for 48 pre-school and 10 toddlers. She said locals are aware of the issue, but newcomers to the County are surprised to learn about the lack of space. There are more than 40 children on the pre-school waitlist, and more than 40 on the toddler one. At $17 a day per child for pre-school and $17.48 per toddler, the spaces are in-demand.

"We have a huge property here that should be developed," Wolm said.

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Mayor Bob Carter and Coun. Tammy McKelvey do not see eye-to-eye on Strong Mayors. *Photo by Lisa Gervais,*

# Carter votes for strong mayors

**By Lisa Gervais**

Minden Hills Coun. Tammy McKelvey – at a May 29 council meeting - voiced strong opposition to The Strong Mayors' Act, recently extended to Minden Hills along with 168 other smaller to medium towns May 1.

McKelvey said hers was not a personal attack against mayor Bob Carter, or other designated mayors. "I feel this is very undemocratic."

The legislation, also known as the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022, grants mayors in Ontario increased powers, including the ability to appoint key staff, influence budget decisions, and veto certain bylaws.

McKelvey believes the act will actually slow process, and business, down. For example, she said now a mayor can bring an idea directly to council. But, under the act, some processes require written notice to the clerk. "It's just craziness. I'd like to tell the province we don't want it..."

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell agreed. She noted other municipalities are voicing similar concerns.

Coun. Pam Sayne said it was "an attack on democracy and principles; when we're dealing with things that are so fundamental, of having a voice in government, and then say 'except when'."

Sayne said she "was tired of (the Ford government) taking people's rights" in order to address things such as housing issues. She added the Ontario government is causing problems with planning departments dealing with so many changes.

Coun. Shirley Johannessen said constituents are also worried about the act and what it means.

Council voted 6-1 in favour of a resolution very similar to one passed by the Corporation of the Township of Mattawa in May. Addressed to Premier Doug Ford and minister of municipal affairs and housing Rob Flack, the town asked that Mattawa be removed from the list of municipalities granted strong mayor powers. The Mattawa council vote was unanimous.

In Minden Hills, Carter voted against the motion on the floor. He said he was still learning about the act.

He said he would report back to council at the June 26 meeting "about how I plan to handle it. People don't totally understand this legislation as of yet. I can understand some of the concerns people have about democracy …

"I'm not willing to say up front that I categorically will not use any of these powers because if they're for the benefit of Minden Hills, I will consider it. I think it's very situational, depending on what the subject is. I wasn't ready to say that I categorially reject them or accept them or anything without knowing more about it."

Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey has also been handed Strong Mayor Powers.

## What can strong mayors do:

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# Environmentalists pan passing of Bill 5

**By Lisa Gervais**

With the passing of Bill 5 - the Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025 – Environment Haliburton! president Susan Hay says the impact could be easily felt in Haliburton County.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott was one of the Conservatives who voted in favour.

Hay said, according to a recent Environmental Defense document, schedule 9 of the bill would enable the premier and cabinet to exempt any person or company from provincial, and municipal law, including bylaws.

"Any portion of Ontario they choose, no matter whether a city or a commercial property or a cottage lot for any purpose."

She said The Alliance for a Liveable Ontario says the bill is a power grab that will give premier Doug Ford and his Cabinet extraordinary powers to ignore key provincial laws they don't like.

"Bill 5 creates special economic zones anywhere in Ontario, and that includes Haliburton County," Hay said. "Hand-picked companies chosen by the province to do business in these zones are exempt from a whole host of existing laws.

"This bill will supersede usual consultation on projects; consultation which protects people, other creatures, plants and clean water. Although the 'ring of fire' is one of Ford's main targets, Haliburton County could certainly be impacted by this bill. The main way our County could be impacted is by the gutting of the Species at Risk Act.

"Haliburton County with its forests and over 600 lakes is home to many species at risk, including all species of Ontario turtles."

Hay added the new Species Conservation Act, 2025 (SCA) as part of Bill 5, is expected to be significantly weaker in its habitat protection measures.

MPP Laurie Scott voted in favour of passing Bill 5. *File.*

She said environmentalists, such as Shane Moffatt of Ontario Nature, say environmental protections are not red tape, but instead are crucial safeguards for clean air, water and the ecosystems that all Ontarians depend on.

"We're in the middle of a global biodiversity crisis, and the last thing that Ontario should be doing ... is weakening protections for endangered species," Moffatt has said.

Ontario Environment Minister Todd McCarthy, speaking in support of the bill, said it will increase enforcement powers for the province. However, Laura Bowman, a lawyer from Ecojustice Canada says stronger enforcement powers don't help if there aren't many rules to enforce in the first place.

## Scott votes in favour

Scott said there are many components to Bill 5, however she said they had to make a lot of changes for different reasons while striking a balance. The MPP said that fine line is between the economic frustrations of the province, municipalities, builders, and the average person over things such as permits, and slowness. "We had to take a different approach to getting things built quicker. But they can't dismiss environmental concerns."

She said while streamlined, municipalities and environmental and other ministries will still be involved.

"You want housing; you want infrastructure but then you get tied up with things. We're trying to balance it with more streamlining."

She said Species at Risk becomes the new Species Conservation Act. She said there would be an online registry, versus files being on people's desks for years. She said there would be more rules, investigations, and more and larger fines if people are breaking the rules that exist around species conservation. She added there is duty to consult with First Nations.

"We're trying to strike the right balance and it's between protections and advancing projects. We have to compete."

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• *We Were Taught Differently (Bakaan nake'ii ngii-izhigakinoo'amaagoomin)* an exhibit created by The MUSE (Kenora, Ontario) will be on display until June 28 in the Welch Room. The exhibit examines the residential school experience and the long-term effects on First Nations people. Powerful images, text, video, archival material, and personal recollections combine to teach visitors why the schools were established, what life in the schools was like, the legacy of the schools, the recent settlement agreement, and Government and church apologies. All are welcome. Admission is by donation.

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Take Notice that the June 12, 2025 Regular Council Agenda is revised to commence Closed Session of Council to follow Item 6 – Delegations.

The Regular Council meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne St., Minden, ON.

The Regular Council Meeting Open session will resume following the Closed Session.
Dated this 3rd day of June 2025

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

• June 12 – Regular Council Meeting
• June 26 – Regular Council Meeting

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# HHHS plans to improve long-term care

**By Lisa Gervais**

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) hopes to pilot an adult day program at its Highland Wood long-term care home in Haliburton – just one measure following a fact-finding trip to the Netherlands to learn about innovative elder care there.

"This would better integrate our community with our homes," CEO and president Veronica Nelson told a 'future of health care' forum in Minden June 5.

McMaster University sponsored Nelson, Jennifer Burns West (chief nursing executive), and Irene Odell (HHHS board chair) to participate in the research trip. The cost was $7,500 with the remaining $2,352 charged to HHHS. Costs included flights, trains, buses, mileage, food, accommodations, and taxis.

They were accompanied by Dr. Sharon Kaasalainen, a McMaster professor and HHHS board member, and Fay Wilkinson, who spoke at last week's meeting. In all, 30 people went.

Green care farms offer an innovative approach to elder care, particularly for individuals with dementia. The farms provide a unique environment for older adults, enabling them to engage in activities such as feeding animals, gardening, or preparing meals, which can stimulate cognitive function and social interaction.

Nelson said the team came back enthusiastic about making aging, and long-term care, better locally, "even if it's incrementally better, and even with all of the regulations" in Ontario, and across Canada.

She noted they already have a "robust" adult day program at HHHS' Minden site. She said it provides a structured, therapeutic and individualized program for adults living at home. She added it offers respite and support for caregivers.

With a pilot project for Highland Wood, Nelson said "this would integrate our community with our home. It would mean taking long-term care residents from Highland Wood and bringing them to the day program, integrating them with older adults from the community attending the day program.

"We learned that people admitted to a green care farm were required to have attended the daycare program before. That early participation enabled that smoother transition. They were already settled their first night of overnight. Sometimes they had a week or a couple of days' trial before they actually decided, 'okay, I'm gong to stay now for good'." Nelson said.

"Imagine if we could get to a place where we included those waiting to come into our long-term care homes in our adult program, so they could have that transition too?"

She said they would work with their partners at Ontario Health atHome on the initiative.

The other focus of green care farms is the outdoors. "I don't think I saw any resident inside any building, ever. It was incredible," Nelson said. While the Canadian climate is more challenging, she added, "we can do better. I find our residents are inside most of the time."

She said one thing they could do is unlock dining rooms only opened for meals to allow residents to use them. She noted the natural light and views of gardens. She said there were ways to ensure safety.

Nelson added they want residents to get outside all year-long. "We can bundle them up. We can maintain the spaces outdoors. They can actually sense winter, not just look at it from the inside. They can feel the crispness of the air on their skin, the wind on their cheeks, feel the sun warming them, watch the snowflakes fall on their nose and melt on their mittens."

She also spoke to the importance of animals, noting Walkabout Farms brings miniature ponies to LTC and Snowflake Meadows, puppies, and therapeutic dogs. "But we can do better. Can we have pets living with our residents? Can we foster pets?" She pondered cats, bunnies or baby chicks.

Nelson said in Canada, a choice has been made to keep residents safe as opposed to allowing them quality of life.

She said while six of 10 people with dementia are at risk of getting lost, at the Netherlands homes, no doors or gates are locked, and people have GPS devices so staff can track and retrieve them safely. She said the residents have less responsive behaviour because of this freedom.

"We tend to put people in a building, and put measures in place because they're misbehaving or getting agitated. If we open the doors, then maybe they wouldn't be as agitated, and then they would sleep." She added they rarely medicated residents in the green care farms they visited. She noted it is not a free-for-all, with the ability, as dementia progresses, to control which doors open, and when.

HHHS CAO and president, Veronica Nelson, spoke at a 'future of health care' forum in Minden June 5. *File.*

Other ideas include more intergenerational programming, including a summer day camp for children of staff.

"So, here we go. Green care farms meet HHHS. We're on. We're gong to do it."

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A temporary contract for 55,000 Canada Post employees expired May 22. *File.*

## Union 'doesn't want strike'

**By Mike Baker**

Despite negotiations between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) hitting another snag this week, Doug Ford, president of local 564 covering Haliburton County, doesn't believe a strike is looming.

Talks over fresh terms for approximately 55,000 unionized workers have been underway again for several weeks, Ford noted, with both sides reportedly at an impasse as of June 9. Most employees have been without a contract since Dec. 31, 2023.

Last November, around 95 per cent of CUPW members Canada-wide supported a strike as they sought higher pay, increased job security, more hours for part-time staff, and equal pay for people working similar roles. They spent 32 days on the picket line, returning to work mid-December after the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) mandated a temporary six-month extension.

That deal, which included a retroactive five per cent wage increase, expired May 22. Most carriers currently make between $23 and $30 an hour.

Canada Post made what it called a "final offer" to the union May 28, which included a 13.59 per cent raise over four years, signing bonuses of up to $1,000, and removal of compulsory overtime. The crown corporation has also ditched proposals to change employees' health and post-retirement benefits and pension plans.

Ford said the union is continuing to push back against Canada Post's plans to hire a new part-time workforce to accommodate seven-day delivery.

"All that has to happen is for Canada Post to recognize they have a large workforce already that wants to keep their jobs, so they need to take the part-time stuff out of the contract and allow for people to make living wages," Ford said. "They want to create a separate team… we already have a part-time workforce that can accommodate [the extra work]."

He said most part-time staff currently work eight to 10 hours per week, but by opening up weekends they could see hours climb to 28 to 32 hours per week.

"That would create meaningful employment… it would be giving our current workers a chance to make a living wage," Ford said.

On June 4, federal jobs minister Patty Hajdu called for the two parties to work towards an agreement after a near two-week deadlock in talks. On June 9, Canada Post rejected a framework put forward by the union asking for a binding arbitration process – where a neutral third-party offers a legally-binding solution.

The crown corporation has asked Hajdu to mandate CUPW workers vote on its latest offer.

Canada Post figureheads say the corporation's poor financial standing limits what it can offer its employees. The company posted pre-tax losses of $841 million in 2024 and has lost more than $3.8 billion since 2018.

Ford pinned the blame for those losses at the feet of Canada Post's executives, not its workforce.

"Canada Post isn't supposed to make money; it's supposed to offer a service to Canadians. It's losing too much money, but a lot of that is down to reckless spending," he said, citing what he perceives to be bloated bonuses for management, and ill-fated investments such as the commitment to transition its 14,000 fleet to electric vehicles by 2040.

While the union served formal notice of a strike to Canada Post May 23, Ford said that was "more of a technical thing." He doesn't believe the union wants to send people back to the picket line.

"There are things the union does behind the scenes in preparation for a real walkout. Those things haven't occurred in 2025, so that tells me… they don't want to walk out," he said.

"The two sides are at a stalemate… this uncertainty needs to end. Right now, volumes are very low. People are afraid to put their product into our stream. If we end the uncertainty, strike a new deal, people will know they can count on Canada Post again," Ford added.

On June 9, DHL Express Canada locked out 2,100 workers as discussions with Unifor over a new contract stalled, essentially shutting down one of the country's largest private delivery companies.

## MINDEN HILLS NEWS

### Life skills programs for youth

Council gave its director of community services, Candace McGuigan, the go-ahead to enter into an agreement with SOS 4 Kids to bring programming for teens to the arena and community centre.

McGuigan said SOS 4 Kids is based in Oakville. She said they're developers and providers of safety curriculum and have worked with many municipalities, YMCAs and other youth organizations, offering life skills programming to their communities.

She said a number of programs are available to approved program delivery partners to offer directly to youth in their communities by their own certified instructors.

They include 'home alone safety for kids' - a comprehensive safety and life skills program that prepares youth aged nine to 13 to be on their own at home or elsewhere for short periods of time. It includes street smarts, people, online, at-home, and fire safety, and injury prevention and First Aid.

Another is a 'babysitting course' for ages 11-15 with seven learning modules, including what the job is, getting ready for it, children's rights, ages and stages of child development, caring for children, creating safe environments, and being prepared for the unexpected.

McGuigan said, "staff, in reviewing the township's current recreation programming see the need to provide life skills programming to the community youth."

She said program partners have to purchase a facilitation kit for each program they wish to deliver, and a participant's manual for each registered student.

McGuigan said the recreation coordinator will be conducting the courses at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. She suggested running the courses three to four times a year at a cost of $40 per participant. They hope to kick it off in the fall. *(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)*

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# Business owner rues 'broken trust'

**By Mike Baker**

County entrepreneur Phil Primavera said he was enjoying a rare day off with his family when one of his trucks was stolen from the Haliburton Feed & Seed property on Mallard Road June 1.

He was spending time with his kids at the family farm on Eagle Lake right around the time someone targeted a Ford F-350 Primavera was working on at his shop. The vehicle was later recovered burnt out on Hwy. 35 about five kilometres north of Norland, near Boyce Trail.

Primavera said it was the same vehicle he and his wife, Minna Schleifenbaum, bought prior to opening Haliburton Feed and Seed in 2019. At work, he used it for large orders and deliveries. At home, it was one of the family's primary modes of transportation. Primavera said it was the truck they used carting their daughters and horses to shows across Ontario.

It had been off the road for some time, with Primavera partway through transitioning the vehicle into a farm plow. He hoped that would save him the $3,000 it costs annually to have someone come in and tend to their land.

Primavera was also hit with a $750 towing bill. Given the vehicle wasn't insured, he estimates his losses to be between $5,000-$10,000.

The incident is being investigated by Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton Highlands OPP. As of press time June 11, no charges had been laid.

Phil Primavera had a Ford F-350 truck stolen from his Haliburton Feed & Seed property June 1. *Submitted.*

Cst. Rob Adams with the Highlands detachment confirmed CKL officers found the vehicle shortly after 6 a.m. on June 2 after neighbours reported the fire. Primavera said he initially assumed someone had stolen his plates and put them on a different vehicle as he didn't think his Ford would run.

"It had something like three injectors missing from the motor, so I'm amazed it made it to Norland," he said.

Cameras on the Haliburton Feed & Seed Property captured the perpetrator, while Primavera said he heard from multiple people who witnessed the alleged thief leaving Haliburton village in the truck that afternoon. He claims to know the identity and has submitted evidence to police.

"Someone well-known to local authorities... for previous vehicle thefts, without a driver's licence, and under suspension," Primavera alleged.

Primavera said other businesses in the industrial park, such as Petrini Construction and Hawk River Construction, have been hit in recent years, while claiming the Haliburton landfill routinely has unwelcome visitors after hours. On the other side of town, the Haliburton Golf Centre was broken into overnight June 3.

"We are disheartened to have to make this call out, however the pro shop was broken into… resulting in theft and damages to our ball machine and shop," owner Andy MacMillan posted to social media.

Primavera said this is the sort of thing he came to Haliburton County to avoid.

"It's the broken trust, really, that's the worst thing. This sort of thing is happening more and more, and I think it's something we need to have a wider conversation about. Is this what we want? We should expect better from people, as a community hold those who are actively spitting in our faces accountable.

"That doesn't mean [becoming a vigilante] or anything crazy, but I think we are within our rights as productive members of society to shine a light on this, talk about it and come up with solutions. I don't want Haliburton County to keep sliding on this slippery path it's on," Primavera said.

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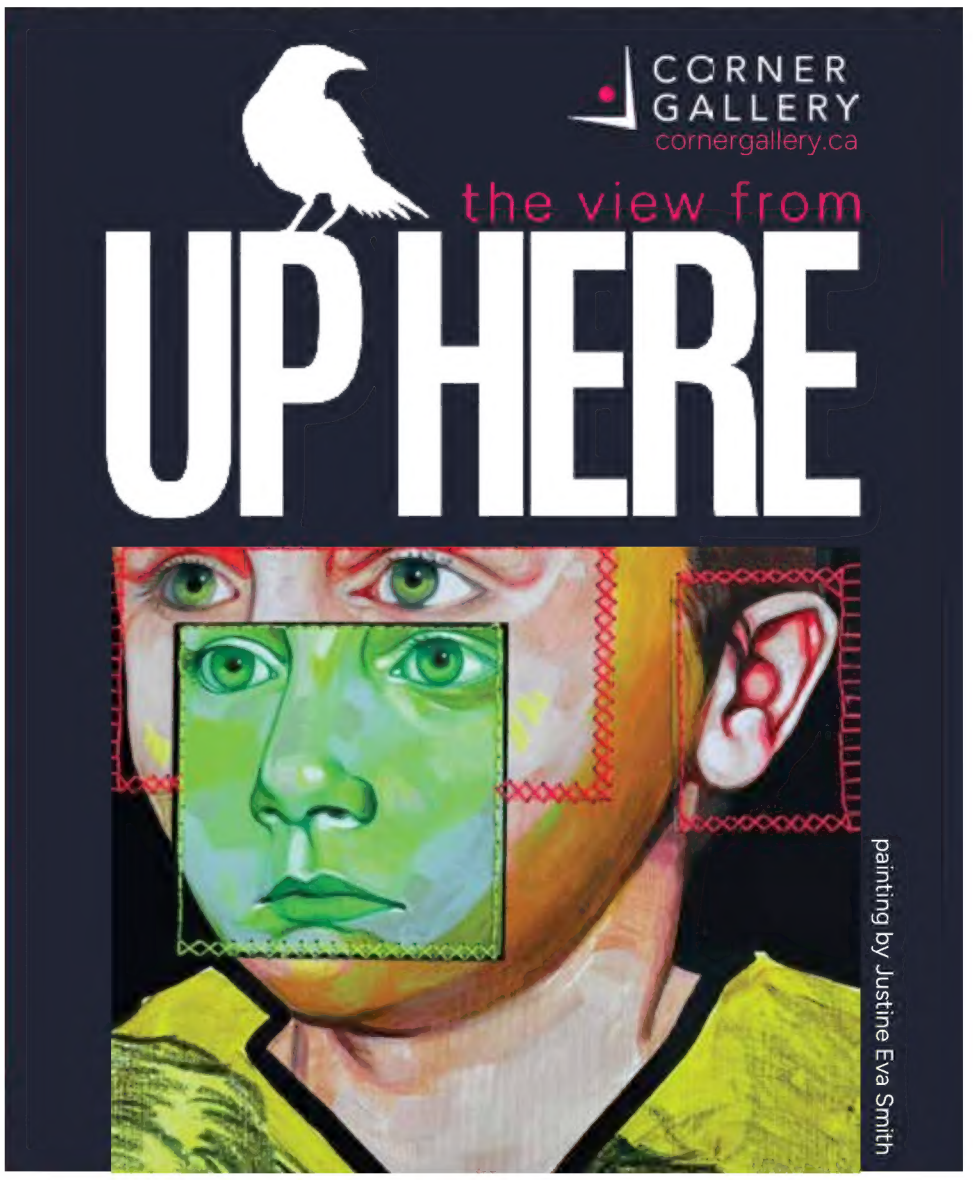

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# Where are we going?

By Mike Baker

I had an interesting conversation with Phil Primavera, owner of Haliburton Feed & Seed, last week, a few days after his business was targeted by a local thief.

The perp made away with an uninsured Ford F-350 truck that Primavera was repurposing into a plow for his farm on Eagle Lake. The theft occurred June 1, a Sunday – the one day a week the business is closed. Alarmingly, it happened during the middle of the day.

More than the monetary losses, which he pegged at between $5,000-$10,000, Primavera said he's most upset by how this has shaken his trust. He relocated to Haliburton County from Niagara Falls about 15 years ago because he wanted to escape this kind of thing.

Rather than complain, Primavera wants to do something about it. No, that doesn't mean he's planning to don a Batman-style outfit and fight crime across the Highlands. Instead, he wants to inspire real thought and conversation about what's happening.

There has been a surge in petty, non-violent crime since the pandemic. In 2021, several Industrial Park businesses banded together following a spate of thefts. Between three and 10 businesses were hit, with vehicles and equipment targeted. Representatives from the Haliburton County Home Builders Association, Petrini Construction, and Walker's Heating & Cooling made a pitch to Dysart et al council to enhance security, though nothing ever came of it.

Since then, Hawk River Construction and, now, Haliburton Feed & Seed have been impacted. On the other side of town, overnight on June 3, the Haliburton Golf Centre was also robbed. Owner Andy MacMillan said items were taken from the pro shop and his ball machine was damaged.

Multiple people came through the store while I was there with Primavera last week. Overhearing our conversation, each one commented how they've had to lock their doors, put up gates and/or fencing, and install cameras to dissuade local criminals. To them, it felt like such a departure from the Haliburton they grew up in.

Times have changed. There seems to be a malaise now when it comes to dealing with local crime. Instead, we need to find ways to tackle the problem.

Is it too farfetched to suggest engaging and trying to reason with these people? Find out why they're doing what they do. For some, it'll be to make ends meet. Others are lifelong criminals who, silly as it sounds, likely don't know any different. These two situations are not the same.

Prison reform has long been pitched as a possible solution. During the recent federal election, Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre pitched a 'three strikes and you're out' rule for violent offenders, ramping up sentences for repeat convicts. Something like that should be adopted across the board, regardless of the incident.

I've covered my fair share of trials to see how our judicial system works. It can often be hard making sense of things. How many times have we heard about drug dealers, rapists, even killers receiving surprisingly short sentences?

In 2022, Norman Hart was sentenced to eight years in jail, less time served, after beating his housemate Robert James Brown to death. Several drug dealers arrested in Haliburton earlier this year and last are already back on the streets.

I assumed this recent move to lighter terms was due to our prison system being stretched to the max. But it isn't. In 2015, on an average day, there were 40,147 people incarcerated in Canada. By 2023, this had dropped to 35,485. Costs, however, have spiked. In 2015, expenses were about $283 per day keeping criminals behind bars – or $103,295 for the year. In 2023, that had climbed to $345 per day, or $125,925 – about a 20 per cent increase.

Could it be that there's been a clear bureaucratic directive to steer people away from the correctional system?

If jail time isn't enough of a deterrent, perhaps offenders should be hit where it really hurts. Primavera suggested having things like social assistance cut or scaled back once they're out. Or tying mandated community service into a sentence.

Something needs to change.

## LETTERS

### Get vaccinated and pay attention

***Dear editor,***

I'll use direct language here.

It was verging on irresponsible for *The Highlander* to publish the letter asking what the big deal is with the measles outbreak.

The writer described events from likely 60 years ago. The individual likely would have been quite young at that point, like me. Their understanding of what was going on around them would have been limited, constrained and limited by their immaturity and lack of awareness. Further, the knowledge of public health practices, vaccines and so on has advanced significantly since then. In no field do we think that 60-year-old practices are just fine.

How's that no seat belts and smoking everywhere working out for you? Currently, public health officials, that is, well-educated apolitical people with the overall public welfare in mind repeatedly state that the outbreak is dangerous and that people need to be up to date with vaccines.

Finally, *The Highlander* couldn't have known in advance, a newborn child died of measles complications the day the paper published. The child reportedly had other health issues but that's the point: measles is serious, can have life-altering consequences and is very dangerous, life-threatening, combined or not with other health issues. Get vaccinated. And pay attention to public health advice.

***John Madill***
***Minden Hills***

### Change with the times

***Dear editor,***

I was transported back in time by Mr. Outram's letter in the recent issue of *The Highlander*.

You are quite correct, Don that back in the day, the prevailing wisdom was to get measles over and done with as soon as possible.

Yes, I was a youngster in the 50s and we all went out of our way to get the disease. After it had run its course, no one thought any more about it. The few young children who reacted more violently to the disease could be easily treated with a single dose of penicillin.

But that was then. Things have changed. First, the overuse of penicillin has rendered it useless against many common diseases. In spite of the startling improvement in medical treatments, and modern medicine, we cannot ignore the new reality. Diseases can adapt and as we've seen with COVID, mutate overnight to become more resistant to our drugs.

So, back in the day we faced the measles as an inconvenience to be quickly dealt with and then forgotten. The advent of the triple vaccine had eradicated measles in North America but the false prophets preaching anti-vaccine nonsense have frightened many people into believing that all vaccines should be avoided. And, so measles is back and there are not many treatment options. There have already been two deaths in Ontario and unless we face this new reality there will be more.

The MMR vaccine is incredibly effective and very (I repeat) very safe. Its universal application could have prevented the current outbreak and the heartache of two grieving families. So, Don, you are totally correct in your letter. Back then, measles was an inconvenience but nothing more. Today, times have changed and we must change with them. Somewhere out there a child's life depends on it.

***Peter Markle***
***Spruce Lake***

### Measles is a big deal

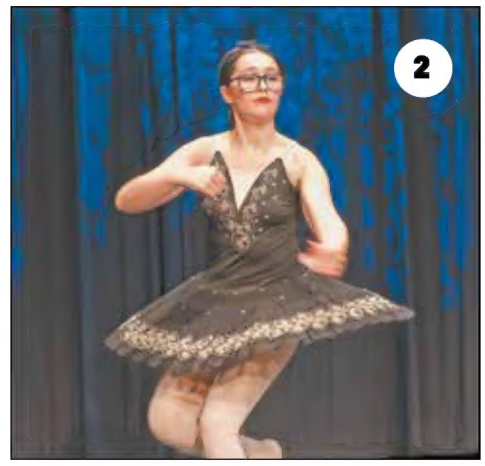
***Dear editor,***

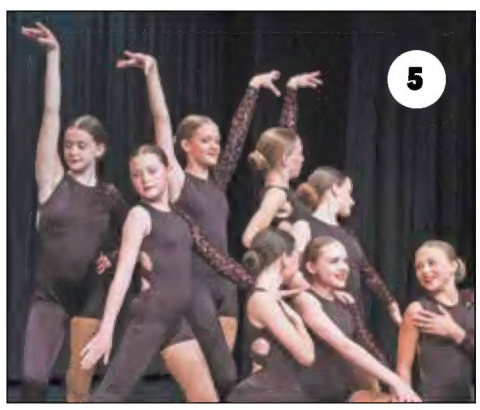
A response to Don Outram's opinion 'what's the big deal about measles?', Thursday, June 6.

A baby in Ontario died of measles. The death rate for measles is 1-2/1000 and the current number of measles infections in Ontario is 2,002. Measles is a big deal and it's preventable.

***Merla Russell***
***Haliburton***

# Highlander events





## Bustin' a move

Skyline Dance Studio's annual year-end recital lit up the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion this past weekend, featuring four vibrant performances by the studio's recreational and pre-competitive students. "We are incredibly proud of how hard our students have worked all season," said Amanda Conn, interim executive director. "Each dancer has shown remarkable commitment, growth, and passion, and our staff and instructors couldn't be prouder of their progress." Registration for the 2025/26 season will open this summer. For more information visit skylinedancestudio.ca

1: Kendall Park, Alexis Dacey, Isabella Valentini, Chloe Morrisette in Nightmares & Daydreams. 2: Jessalyn Thompson dances Swan Lake in 13+ Ballet. 3: Quinn Carpenter, Jordyn Braun and Georgia Neilson in Daisies. 4: Eliza Ramsdale, Katie Pagee, Penelope Irvine, Emma Dugay, Jade Yates in Gonna Make You Sweat, a 9-12 jazz routine. 5: Aleana Jones, Reese Wood, Kinley Cox, Kendall Park, Quinnlyn Hamilton, Keira Dacey, Keira Buchanan, Aubiana Davidson in You Made Me Move, a pre-competitive jazz routine for intermediate dancers. 6: Daisies, a pre-competitive jazz routine for elementary dancers, performed by (L-R) Kennedy Draker, Mea Iles, Maddle Delahunt Morrow, Scarlet Smith and Aoife Hogan. 7: The Skyline Team from left to right Julie Barban, Amanda Conn, Jody McGurrin, Wilson Klodt Wong, Rachel Joanis, Lisa Irvine. *Photos by Ryan Roediger.*

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Top: And they're off – students race out of the gates to begin the run. Bottom left: Jordanna Jennings and Aurora Wesley smile and wave while crossing the finish line. Bottom right: Skye Knight and Gracie Griffith were excited to participate.
*Photos by Mike Baker*

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Left: Oshkaabewis Dave Rice talks to the students. Middle: Tyrone Jones dances for the students. Right: The drumming circle. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

# Kicking off Indigenous history month

**By Lisa Gervais**

On June 5, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, in partnership with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB), hosted the third annual educational pow wow and drum social.

The event was in collaboration with Oshkaabewis Dave Rice of Wasauksing First Nation, Odawa Anishinaabe Metis Knowledge Holder, Larry O'Connor, and Elder Christopher Stock.

The pow wow and drum social kicked off the start of National Indigenous History Month and invited schools to listen, learn and experience the celebration.

Students and staff were guided through various teachable moments from Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee perspectives to increase understanding and engagement with Indigenous culture, traditions, protocols, dances, and music.

Sara DeCaire brought three students (Greyson Stieler, Jake Porter and June Sahanatien) from Wahta Mohawks First Nation near Bala. They wore ribbon attire.

"We're just here to bring some knowledge and to show the kids because not everybody has the opportunity to attend pow wows throughout the summer. It's a big thing. There's First Nations all over Ontario and there's kids that go to all these schools, so it's nice to be able to put some culture and language back into some programming," DeCaire said.

"It's a great learning experience for them and for us."

DeCaire said they come from a small reserve, where their traditions are "kind of lacking, so we're trying to bring back the culture, bring back our language and what a great way to start, to be part of this pow wow."

She added each of the First Nations has different things to offer, from jingle dresses to ribbon shirts.

"It's nice to see all the cultures and different regalia."


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# Highlander business

# Delancey's bringing retro-feel to Hali

**By Mike Baker**

Josh Karam and Erika Mozes believe they're well on their way to solving one of Haliburton village's age-old problems – keeping youth entertained.

The pair, who own Delancey Sports on Highland Street, introduced a new feature to their downtown store recently, opening a retro-style arcade. They transitioned approximately 250 sq. ft. of storage space at the back of the building through spring, creating a fun spot for the community to kick back, relax and have some fun.

"There's not much to do in town, especially for kids. We've been pretty set on finding a way to fill this important entertainment gap in the community for some time," Karam said, noting they first explored opening an arcade in Haliburton in 2022. "We just have never been able to find the right venue, right time, right opportunity."

Opening their third Delancey Sports location in Bracebridge last summer, Karam said he retrofitted some of the excess space there into an arcade that he says has been very well received. After proving the concept works, he immediately set out implementing a similar vision for Haliburton.

Most of the games are sports-themed, with a mix of old and new systems, including classic NBA Jam and NFL Blitz cabinet set

Delancey's employee Alex Little said the arcade has been a big hit. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

ups, a Ms. Pacman machine, an air hockey table, basketball net, and terminals for Xbox, PlayStation, and Nintendo Switch.

The space is open six days per week, only closed Mondays, and is available during Delancey's regular operating hours. The cost per person is $5, which grants unlimited play. Snacks and merchandise are available at an additional cost. It opened April 25.

"We probably could have charged more, but this is very much a passion project for me, more about doing something cool and for the community than for the money," Karam said. "The goal was to create a great environment where people feel comfortable coming, hanging out and having fun, whether by themselves, with family, or with friends."

Mozes said the biggest surprise so far has been the number of "big kids" who have visited.

"We've had people in every day – lots of kids, but lots of families too. Parents and grandparents are coming in and wanting to hang out here too. This is quickly becoming the place that you bring your kids when you're in the village," Mozes said.

Parent supervision isn't required, making Delancey's "the perfect drop-off" for people wanting to shop or walk the downtown in peace without their children in tow.

Asked about a possible expansion in future, Karam said he isn't ruling anything out.

"We do very good in business and life by taking things step-by-step. We'll see how the community responds. If this is something people just can't get enough of and we're packed all the time, then who knows where this could go. We're always dreaming big."

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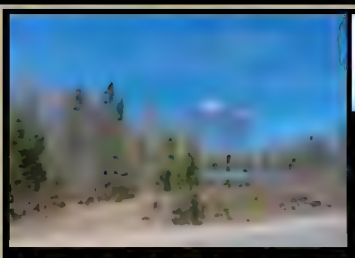

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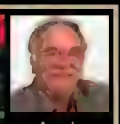

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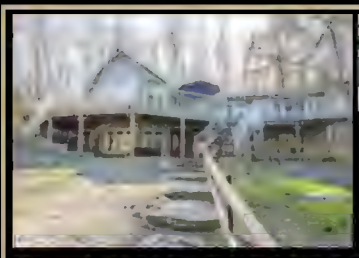

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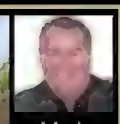

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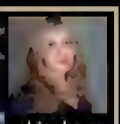

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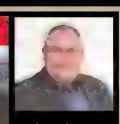

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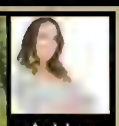

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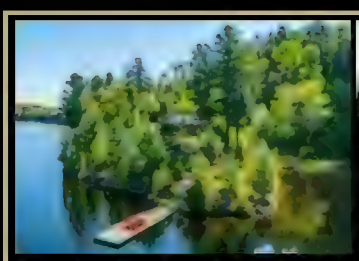
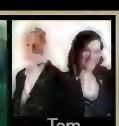

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# What's on

## ASES springs into summer

It was party time at Archie Stouffer Elementary School June 5 as the ASES school council hosted its annual Spring Carnival. There was lots for kids to do inside and out as Township of Minden Hills staff brought equipment for them to check out, Zoo to You was on-site with their insects, reptiles and wildlife, with disc golf, curling, party games, basket raffle, miniature horse rides and more. Money raised supports enhanced programming at the school. *(Mike Baker).*

Above: ASES students Blair Fisher and Andrew Duszak get friendly with a pair of ferrets. *Photo submitted.*

# What's on

## Minden Rotary Club banquet

On June 7, the Minden Rotary Club held its annual banquet at the Minden Community Centre. The Rotary Club has provided services and events to help the community, especially Haliburton County's children, dating back more than 75 years. The event featured a buffet, silent auction, bingo games, 50/50 draw, dancing and much more that entertained the 165 guests who attended. President Lynda Litwin said funds raised are re-invested into the community. For more information on the Rotary Club and their activities and upcoming events, visit mindenrotary.ca

Top: Ted Anthon celebrating his 90th birthday at the Rotary Club banquet. Bottom: President Lynda Litwin (L) and local MP Jaime Schmale (R) with Dave Woodcroft (L) and Dan Sullivan (R) looking on. *Photos by Ryan Roediger.*

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# What's on

## Charity golf tournament season in the Highlands

**By Lisa Gervais**

Two local charities – that raise money to help with wells in third world countries – are busily preparing for their annual golf tournaments.

The 13th annual Water Ambassadors Canada Golf classic is set for Thursday, June 19 at Blairhampton Golf Course.

Spokesman Barry Hart said that in light of the current political and economic climate, they are highlighting an all-Canadian theme.

"There will be holes sponsored by, and promoting, local auto industry, Canadian softwood lumber, buy and build in Haliburton, dine in Haliburton, etc. The 'water needs' information holes will be interspersed with these Canadian and local themes," Hart added.

He said various local businesses have helped fund the event. As a thank you to them, Hart said Water Ambassadors Canada is buying gift cards and certificates from them as prizes and draws for the golfers.

They are hoping to use the funds raised this year for well repairs in Honduras, chlorinators in Colombia, and a well drill in Guatemala.

Water Ambassadors Canada is a registered Canadian charity founded in Haliburton 23 years ago. They drill and repair wells, install filtration and chlorination systems and teach hygiene. They have worked in more than 20 countries.

"We have helped give clean drinking water to half a million people," Hart said. "We deeply appreciate the support that we have received from the community." Hart said sponsors, donors and players are always welcome.

Meanwhile, Help a Village Effort, based out of Minden, said it is hosting its fifth annual Ron Reid HAVE charity golf tournament Aug. 14 at Gull River Golf Club. Spokesperson Michele Coneybeare said they are currently seeking sponsors and prizes; as well as registrations. Coneybeare said the charity had helped build more than 700 wells since 1982. Contact micheleconeybeare@gmail.com.

### Other charity tourneys

- Returning for its 26th year, the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic in support of the HHHS Foundation will take place at Blairhampton Golf Club July 18. Melanie Klodt Wong said it's a sold-out event every year, with strong community participation. She asked people to contact Susannah Moylan (smoylan@hhhs.ca) to volunteer or for sponsorship opportunities.
- The Abbey Gardens 7th annual golf tournament fundraiser is Aug. 25. It raises money for educational and environmental programming. This one is at Blairhampton Golf Club. They, too, are looking for sponsors and players. People can register via janis@parkerpad.com

If you are hosting a charity golf tournament, email mike@thehighlander.ca, and we can get it into our What's On column.

Barry Hart of Water Ambassadors Canada is preparing for their tournament next week. *File.*

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING
## JUNE 12 - JUNE 19 this week

### Thursday June 12

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### Sunday June 15

Boshkung Brewing Live Music, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### Tuesday June 17

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### Wednesday June 18

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# What's on

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

### Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton

**Mondays:** Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room. Youth darts league, for ages 10 to 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the clubroom. All are welcome.
**Tuesdays:** League darts starting at 7 p.m in the clubroom. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.
**Wednesdays:** Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, Remembrance Hall. Bingo 5 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. start time, Remembrance Hall. Snack bar available – French fries and hot dogs available while supplies last.
**Thursdays:** General meeting third Thursday of the month.
**Fridays:** meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards. 50/50 draw at 5 p.m, tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom.
**Saturdays:** Open only for special events.
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### Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce

**Mondays:** open 7 to 10 p.m.
**Tuesdays:** closed
**Wednesdays:** open 2 to 6 p.m.
**Thursdays:** open 2 to 10 p.m.
**Fridays:** open 2 to 11 p.m.
**Saturdays:** open 2 to 9 p.m.
**Sundays:** closed, special events only

Darts at 7 p.m. June 16, 23 and 30. Cost is $5 per player. Afternoon sessions are June 18 and 25 starting at 2 p.m. Cost is $4 per player.

We have suspended our cornhole league.

Horseshoes June 18 and 25 at 7 p.m. Cost is $5 per player.

HHHS social recreation June 12 and 26 at 10 a.m.

Wings and jam session June 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is $15 per pound.

## EVENTS

**June 12**, 7 to 9 p.m. Steve Paikin, host of TVO's *The Agenda*, will be the guest at the upcoming 'Telling Our Stories' Speaker Series event, held at Pinestone Resort. Paikin's focus will be his new book *The Man Behind the Myth – An Intimate biography of John Turner*, which tells the story of Turner's 79-day stint as prime minister in 1984. Admission is $15, payable at the door. For more information, contact Barrie Martin at 705-457-7557 or barrieinthehighlands@gmail.com.

**June 14**, all day. The Haliburton County Fair returns to the Minden Fairgrounds. There will be events throughout the day, including a light horse show, balloon rides, Zoo to You, horse pull, cattle show, pony rides, and live music from Beverly Mahood and Jim Jacobs. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for kids aged six to 12. Camping is available for $25 per trailer. For more information, visit haliburtoncountyfair.ca.

**June 14**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's Seniors Day at YWCA Wanakita. Foster and strengthen connections with your peers and join us for activities such as nature walks, canoeing, crafts, and cards. There will also be lunch and a tea time. Cost is $25 per person. Located at 1883 Koshlong Lake Rd. To register call 705-457-2132 or email wanakita@ymcahbb.ca.

**June 14**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Community BBQ fundraiser for Youth Unlimited Haliburton Highlands in Haliburton. There will be hot dogs, cold treats, lawn games, raffle and more. Come check out our new location, The Bridge Youth Centre, at 2 Victoria St. Parking available at Rotary Park. Event will be happening rain or shine. For more information, visit yfc-ca/haliburton-highlands.

**June 14**, 1 p.m. The Geocaching Capital of Canada is hosting a good, old-fashioned treasure hunt – Pirate Booty! Meet at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre alone or as part of a team as you search for the long-lost Pusey Lake Pirates hidden booty. Cost is $5 per team.

**June 15**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Boshkung Smokehouse is hosting a Father's Day fish and BBQ fundraiser at its location at Haliburton Forest (1095 Redkenn Rd.) There will be a free fishing derby, fish fry, pig roast, live music and a BBQ competition ($75 per team). Proceeds raised will support the Haliburton Forest Fishing Society and Haliburton fish hatchery.

**June 18**, 7 p.m. HaliUkes and Haliburton Highlands Brewing are partnering for ukelele jam sessions, running all summer on the first and third Wednesday of June, July and August. Located at 15543 Hwy. 35.

**June 19**, 1 p.m. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Haliburton County Public Library is hosting a screening of *Four Wings and a Prayer*. Directed by Nick de Pencier and based on the book by Sue Halpern, the documentary explores the mystery, beauty and survival of the Monarch butterfly. Taking place at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden.

**June 24**, 6:30 p.m. Rotary Music in the Park, featuring The Rockin' Bobs. At the Head Lake Park bandshell in Haliburton. Admission is by donation. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. For more information, contact haliburtonrotary@gmail.com.

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**29th Annual Meeting of the**
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**Thursday, June 26, 2025**
**HHHS Minden Auditorium**
**6 McPherson St., Minden**

**1:30-2:00 p.m. – Arrival / Registration / Refreshments**
**2:00-2:45 p.m. – Annual Meeting***
**2:45-3:00 p.m. – Question & Answer Session****

**Annual Meeting business will include:**
Minutes of June 27, 2024 Annual Meeting
Report of the Corporation
Presentation of Financial Statements
Appointment of Auditors
Election of Directors

**Guest Speaker: Donna Duncan, CEO**
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YARD SALE-104 Keefer Street, off Sunnyside Street, Friday, June 13, Saturday June 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Small tables, benches made as a winter project. Lots of various items.

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## MEETINGS

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Meetings: Thursdays 7 p.m., St. Anthony's 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton, and Mondays 7 p.m. at Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle, Rear Entrance, Minden. 1-888-4AL-ANON (1-888-425-2666) al-anon.org All are welcome.

## PLANTS

## WANTED

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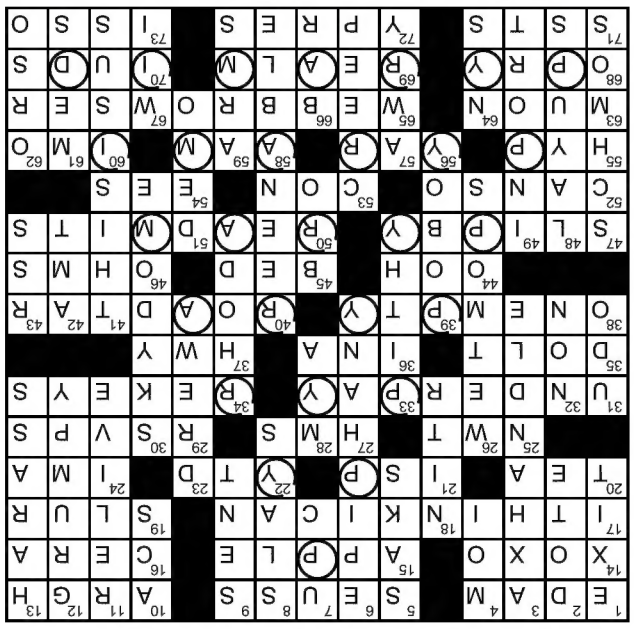

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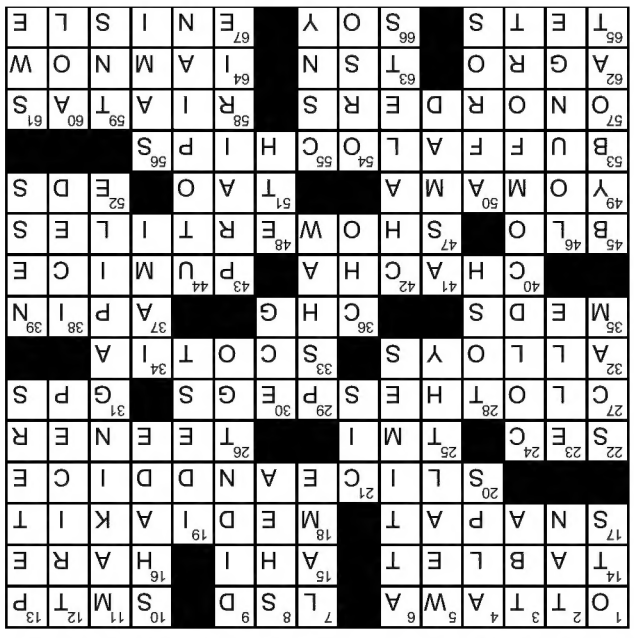
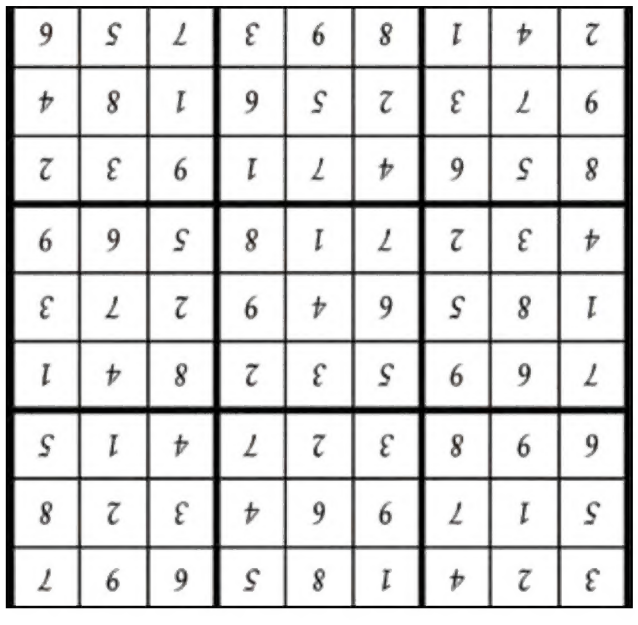




## OBITUARIES

*In Loving Memory*

### Grenville "Beau" Bird

Resident of Haliburton

Peacefully surrounded by his family at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday afternoon, June 5, 2025, in his 89th year. Beloved husband of Verna Hutchings-Bird (nee Smith). Predeceased by his first wife, Marylou. Loving father of Penny (Alan), Jim (Heather), Randy (Angela), Steve (Lisa), Brenda (John), and Harry (Bea). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren, his great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Bob, Erma, Linda, Sherry, and Judy (Mark). Also lovingly remembered by son-in-law Steve and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his daughter Barb (2025), his brother Jack, Glen, and Earl. Beau enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, his tractor, and most of all his family.

**Visitation & Memorial Service**

Friends and family are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 from 6 - 8 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held in the Chapel at 12 (Noon) on Thursday afternoon, June 12, 2025. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services would be appreciated by the family.

Community Funeral Home

*In Loving Memory*

### David Mahlon Beach

Resident of Haliburton

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of David, at home on June 3rd at the age of 77. He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Shelley. He leaves behind his adoring children, Graham (Meredith) and Lindsay (Brian), and his grandchildren, Jeremy and Atia. He will be greatly missed by his sister, Nancy, and his nieces and nephews. Dave had wonderful friends on Kennisis Lake who shared many of his favourite pastimes, snowmobiling, golf, pool, poker, and happy hours.

Dave and Shelley moved full-time to their cottage on Kennisis Lake in 2008, having previously lived in Pickering, Barrie, Lindsay, Kitchener, Thunder Bay, and Midland, Ontario. He was the unofficial mayor of his road since retiring from being a sales manager at Kanaflex. During his sales career, he also worked for Honda, Bombardier, and Kawasaki. He travelled frequently during his working life, and the cottage was where Dave loved to be most in the world. He enjoyed puttering around the property and his garage. Dave was larger than life. He will be remembered for his sense of humour and big laugh to match. Dad, we hope you're enjoying some of your favourite things: a stiff rum and Diet Pepsi (with lots of ice), sausages cooked on the BBQ, and breakfast of bacon and eggs.

**Memorial Service**

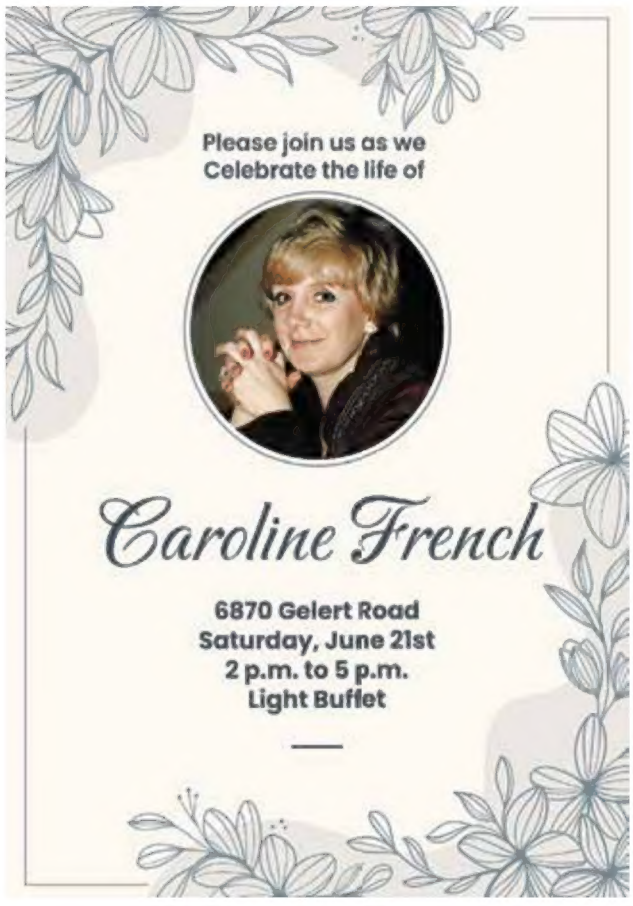
Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario KoM 1So (705) 457-9209 for a service in David's memory on Saturday, June 14, 2025, beginning at 12:00 p.m. (Noon). As an expression of sympathy, donations in David's memory can be made to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Community Funeral Home

## THANK YOU

Greer
The family of the late Arthurlene Greer would like to thank all the friends and family who attended the Interment Service and drop-in get together in honour of our Mom, Grandma and Great Grandma.
Thank you also for the kind words, wishes, donations, flowers and tree plantings in her memory.
A special thank you to the Ladies who prepared the lunch for the get-together and to all those who brought desserts.
Mom settled in and was quite content during her short stay at Hyland Crest. Thank you to all the staff members who treated her so well.
Fay, Wendy, Marion, Leon and families and Harvey's family

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE



# Highlander puzzles

## Members of the Board

by Barbara Olson
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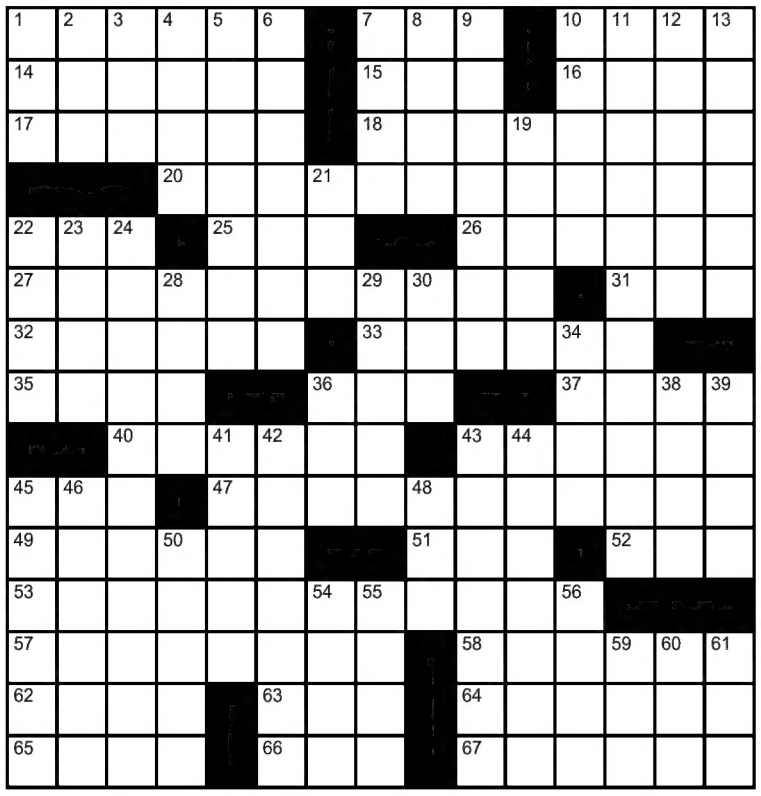

**Across**

**1** Rideau Canal city
**7** "Dropped" drug
**10** Outgoing email initials
**14** Alternative to a gelcap
**15** Tuna type, or Canadian folk singer
**16** ___ Krishna
**17** Speak to sharply
**18** Corporate PR package
**20** Prep veggies, as for salad
**22** Opposite of "doux," wine-wise
**25** "Spare me the gory details!"
**26** Adolescent, slangily
**27** They're used to hang nappies out to dry
**31** Family docs
**32** Blended metals
**33** The "S" of Canada's N.S.
**35** Pharmacy stock, briefly
**36** Visa transaction: Abbr.
**37** Put ___ in (hold to discuss later)
**40** Three-step Cuban dance
**43** Pedicurist's scraper
**45** Slo-___ (type of fuse)
**47** Bathtub wall pieces
**49** Insult referencing a family member
**51** The Chinese way?
**52** Honest ___ (flashy Toronto discount store, 1948-2016)
**53** Manure once used for fuel on the Great Plains
**57** As commanded
**58** Rancher's loops
**62** Farm-related prefix
**63** "That's Hockey" TV channel
**64** Sarcastic reply to "Are you awake?"
**65** Vietnamese festivals
**66** Milk-free milk type
**67** Strand, as a castaway

**Down**

**1** Tenth innings, e.g.
**2** Get bronze?
**3** "Check back later," on a sked
**4** Yodeler's range
**5** On the Forbes list, say
**6** Now and again
**7** Feeble, as an excuse
**8** ___ butter (skin softener)
**9** Stayed behind
**10** Refuge for the sunburnt
**11** Raking in, as money or leaves
**12** Posterior arm muscle
**13** Loses steam, with "out"
**19** i.e., spelled out
**21** Unlike some LGBT people
**22** Call from a grandchild in jail, likely
**23** "Ex's and Oh's" singer King
**24** Little consolation
**28** Wailers member Peter
**29** "Humbug!"
**30** Heart murmur detector, for short
**34** Neil Diamond's "___ Said"
**36** Margaret of "30 Rock"
**38** Like some summer tea
**39** Wit's end?
**41** No less livid
**42** Alpine A-frames
**43** Alberta-Manitoba expanse
**44** Utterly perfect
**45** One way to get to an island
**46** Cocktail area
**48** Biblical verb suffix
**50** Big dos?
**54** ___ it seems
**55** "Our House" quartet, in brief
**56** Seuss's ___-Am
**59** Small dots on land maps: Abbr.
**60** ISP since 1983
**61** Björn Borg's ctry.

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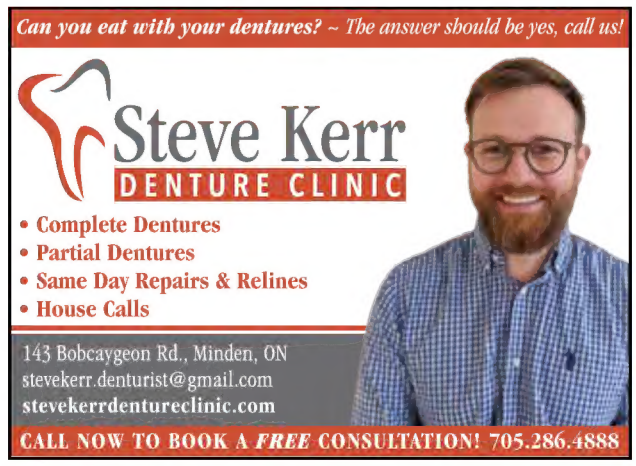
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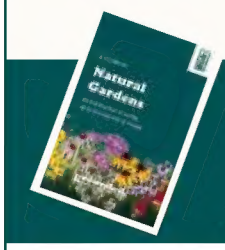


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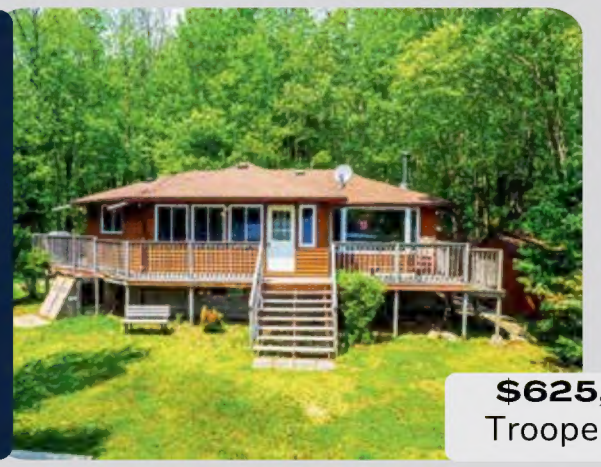

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**$685,000**
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